One of the last places in the world from which most people would expect a protest against Chinese immigration is the Hawaiian group of islands. The conditions of climate and the character of settlement in those islands would seem to be peculiarly favorable to the employment of Chinese labor, and yet such is the pressure of competition from the in-vading race that the Hawaiian and therein. foreign population have been driven to demand severely restrictive measures to save the islands from becom- this question but the necessities of ing a mere "dumping ground" for the case appear to demand excep-China. Politically and socially very great strides have been made in Ha- Chinese merchants promoting rebelcitizenship have been taken up by white men from their occupations, the natives, freedom of government their numbers and wealth and influhas been secured on a basis approxi- ence become apparent, and drastic mating to that of the most advanced nations, a national coinage has been mere sake of self-defense. Fortunadopted, agriculture and every form of enterprise have been extensively promoted, security of life and property has been guaranteed, large in- are concerned, there is now little vestments of English and American more danger of an invasion from capital have been made on the good | China than there is from the moon. faith of a stable administration of In California the Chinese swarmed the laws, and the relations with the | in so steadily that they numbered 8 United States have been so strengthened that a reciprocal treaty has been that coast before the pressure of entered into which practically makes | public opinion was sufficiently felt the Hawaiian group a part of the at Washington to make restriction commercial territory of the American the law of the land. Other com Republic. All this has been accom- munities have suffered even to a plished by the efforts of the Anglo-Saxon settlers, aided by the rapidly developing capacity of the native race. But the continuous influx of the Chinese has menaced this prosthe Chinese has menaced this pros-pering condition. They have invaded sert its resistance against the prothe islands in great numbers, gone | cess of gradual extinction, and we on to the plantations of the settlers, congratulate the Ministry of that taken up plantations of their own, small but progressive kingdom upon monopolised the menial occupations | the breadth and vigor and directness in the towns, threatened to oust the of its indictment against the "yellow native and foreign population from their trades and laid such a gradual but unrelaxing grasp upon the commercial and industrial life of the NEWS AND NOTES. country that the necessity for prompt and severe restriction both upon those who are in and against those who would come in has been universally recognised. Legislative action in this direction has been demanded, and although not immediately promised there can be very little doubt from the tone of the reply given by the Ministry only last October to a petition on the subject that a restrictive measure will not be long delayed.

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The reply referred to takes really the form of a manifesto bearing the signatures of the members of the Ministry. It is an able and interesting document, strong and dignified in tone and comprehensive in its treatment of the question. It quotes from documentary evidence gathered from all parts of the world (including Sir Henry Parkes' celebrated defiant protest to Lord Salisbury against the sacrifice of Australia to the Chinese treaty) the most convincing proofs of the pernicious character of Chinese immigration in its effects upon the communities it invades, and follows this up by a statement of the evils already threatening the Hawaiian Islands from this cause. As long as the Chinese population was small in Hawaii they were "peaceful and inoffensive," but as soon as they became strong in numbers and wealth they began to show their power. Murders have been committed by members of their secret societies; witnesses who informed against them have suddenly disappeared; when arrests were made the accused have been smuggled out of the country; large sums of money were provided by wealthy Chinese to bribe members of the Legislature to vote against a certain measure, and five members were convicted of having accepted these bribes; and last, but certainly not least, they instigated and provided the "sinews of war" for the insurrection in July last. These are among the facts set forth in this manifesto and vouched for by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Finance and the Attorney-General. In addition to this we are told that "they are now gaining all the advantages of a successful war without any of its dangers. Silently but surely, year after year and step by missions in that country. King Leostep, they are invading and taking pold has contributed a sum of possession of almost every means of money for establishing at Moanda, livelihood in the country and sup- in the Congo country, a sanitarium planting native Hawaiians and in which African explorers and others of western civilization." others in need of rest and medical Having regard to these facts the treatment may be received. Ministry lay down the following three propositions, which, with nominal alterations, might be adopted

First-The excessive proportion of Chinese in the Kingdom, and their rapid encroachment upon the various businesses and employments of the country, require adequate measures to prevent the speedy extinction in these islands of Western civilization by that of the East, and the substitution of a Chinese for the Hawaiian and other foreign population.

by the Australian group:

Second-The perpetuation of Anglo-Saxon civilization, introduced into these islands and adopted by the Hawaiian people early in the present century, is essential to the continuance of a free government and of the political indepenlence of the Kingdom; and such civilisation can be perpetuated only by re-taining a population who have been educated therein, and who comprehend the workings and benefits of popular repre-

sentative government.
Third—We believe that self-preservation, by nations as well as by individuals, is a principle universally recog-

In the foregoing propositions the whole gound of opposition to Chinese immigration in every civilized country in the world is tersely and effectively stated. Taken in connection with the facts previously cited, there can be no doubt of the necessity for the adoption of remedial

THE UNIVERSAL WAR AGAINST THE measures. It is interesting to note the character of the legislation proposed by the Ministry, viz:-

1. That no Chinese other than teachers and officials shall be allowed to come to this country except in the capacity of

2. That no Chinese be admitted as la borers unless the agricultural necessities of the country require it, nor until the legislation hereunder indicated be sec-

3. That Chinese not now engaged in trade or the mechanical occupations be prohibited from hereafter engaging

The third proposal goes beyond the legislation of other countries on tional treatment. When we find waii in recent years. The duties of lion, and Chinese workmen ousting per cent of the population along instinct of self-preservation has had

The free public library, established in Baltimore five years ago by Enoch Pratt, at an expense of about \$1,250,000, is accomplishing a great work among the reading classes. Last year the number of books issued reached 461,840.

It is said that the New York State Bureau of Labor will add to its re-port for 1890 the average of wages lost to working people in various trades by dullness in trade and in-clement weather. The report for 1889 will soon be issued.

A cablegram says that Professor Weichselbaum of the University of Vienna has discovered the bacillus of influenza. He finds in it some similarity to the pneumonia bacillus, but is sure that it is a distinctly different microbe.

It is said that George T. Smith's middlings purifier has increased the wealth of the Northwest fully \$500,-000,000, and the American Millers' Association has awarded him a gold medal for bringing out the most important invention ever made in milling machinery.

The new States have all been nicknamed, but the character of the nomenclature is more suggestive than elegant. According to supposed authority North Dakota is the Flicker Tail State, South Dakota Swing Cat, Washington Chinook, and Montana the Stubbed Toe State.

The richest man in Russia, Count Sheremtjew, is about to produce Puschkin's play, "Boris Godunow," in his own house, and has spent 30,000 roubles on scenery and costumes. The performers will be noble amateurs, and the Royal Opera will

supply the music and chorus. It is a law of good society in China that young widows never marry again. Widowhood is therefore held in the highest esteem, and the older the widow grows the more agreeable does her position become with the people. Should she reach fifty years she may, by applying to the Emperor, get a sum of money with which to buy a tablet on which is

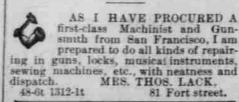
engraved the sum of her virtues.

The official journal of the Congo Free State at Brussels publishes decrees granting a civil status in legal matters to Catholic and Protestant money for establishing at Moanda, others in need of rest and medical

The Germans have been the pioneers in scientific forestry, as in so many other lines of progress. With a total forest area of only 34,346,000 acres, of which 11,234,000 belong to the State, the German Empire now has no less than nine schools of forestry, and during the three years ending with 1888 it published 177 books on the various branches of the subject, also ten

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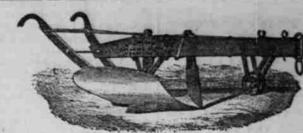
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